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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, RH, UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIAN CONSULTATIONS: BISHOP MUZOREWA INFORMED

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- 1. CHARGE ACCOMPANIED BY US DEP REP TO SC AMBASSADOR MCHENRY AFTERNOON OF MAY 9 BRIEFED BISHOP MUZOREWA AND HANDED OVER COPY OF PROPOSED US-UK JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. UK HICOM BROWN SAW MUZOREWA EARLIER SAME DAY.
- 2. MUZOREWA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE DEMOCRATIC ATTITUDE OF THE USG. HE SAID HE SAW NO DIFFICULTIES WITH APPROACH DESCRIBED IN PROPOSED AMERICAN ANNOUNCEMENT THOUGH HE HOPED USG WOULD UNDERSTAND IF HE LATER VOICED PUBLIC CRITICISM. HIS ONWARD TRAVEL PLANS NOT YET FIXED. MUZOREWA ASKED THAT FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BE PASSED TO WASHINGTON:

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A) WHAT EXACTLY WILL THE CONSULTATIONS COVER? CONSTITUTION?, TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS?, ETC.?

B) WILL THERE BE ANY SPECIFIC US OR UK PLANS OR PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD OR SHOULD ZIMBABWEANS NOW TABLE THEIRS? MUZOREWA WONDERED OUT LOUD WHEN HE SHOULD SURFACE HIS DETAILED PLAN WHICH INCLUDES A CONSTITUTION.

C) WHERE AND WHEN WILL CONSULTATIVE GROUP BE ESTABLISHED?

D) DOEHSUSG FORSEE ANYTHING OCCURRING IN ZIMBABWE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH SHOULD CAUSE MUZOREWA TO CANCEL PLANS ADDRESS JUNE 3 COMMENCEMENT AT GARRETT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, EVANSTON, ILL.?

3. MUGABE'S OFFICE IN DAR DOES NOT KNOW WHERE HE IS BUT SAYS HE MAY REACH DAR "IN A FEW DAYS". NO RESPONSE THUS FAR AT SITHOLE'S HOUSE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THEM BOTH.

4. BRIEFING OF NYERERE WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTEL. LEVIN

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